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10 Title: MULTI-MODE PORTABLE ELECTRONIC APPARATUS AND
METHOD FOR THE MULTI-MODE PORTABLE ELECTRONIC
APPARATUS TO OUTPUT AV SIGNALS

15 To: Commissioner for Patents
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Subject: Information disclosure statement under 37 CFR §1.56

20 Dear Sir,

This is an Information Disclosure Statement in accordance with the duty to disclose information material to patentability under 37 CFR §1.56. Applicants wish to make of record the document listed on the accompanying form PTO/SB/08.

25 Since this IDS is filed after the mailing date of the first Office action but before final Office action/notice of allowance, consideration of the information disclosure statement is hereby requested according to 37 CFR §1.97(c). The item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in an Office
30 communication mailed on June 19, 2007 for the counterpart Japanese patent application number 2004-002009, which is no more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement. The cited reference is JP 2002-108486

(published 2002/04/10).

According to the requirement set forth in 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2), applicants are submitting a copy of the cited JP 2002-108486.

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According to the requirement set forth in 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) and MPEP 609.04(a) III, the English language abstract of JP 2002-108486 is included herewith to fulfill the concise explanation requirement.

10 The abstract of JP 2002-108486 downloaded from the European Patent Office website is as follows:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To shorten the waiting time before TV broadcasting can be viewed even when an OS is yet to be started. SOLUTION: This 15 electronic computer system is provided with a 1st controller and a 2nd controller connected to the 1st controller, at least a disk drive means, a displaying means, a television broadcasting receiving means and a sound outputting means are connected to the 1st controller, the 2nd controller operates while the power cord of the system is connected to the power supply outlet or while a battery is loaded in the system, and 20 the 1st controller that is yet to be started is made to be in a PC mode in which the 1st controller functions as a personal computer by starting the OS or to be in an AV mode in which the 1st controller functions as AV equipment by starting AV function software in accordance with a command from the 2nd controller.

25 It is respectfully requested that the examiner can consider the document listed on the accompanying form PTO/SB/08 and that it be made of record in the application. Applicants sincerely hope that the examiner initials the cited reference on the form and that a copy of the initialed form be sent to the applicants with the next communication from the examiner.

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Sincerely yours,



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